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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Application of

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Kanetaka SEKIGUCHI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2871

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Examiner: Minh Toan T. TON

Filed: June 15, 2005

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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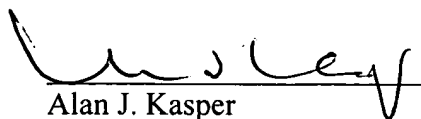
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Applicant submits that CN 1293380A corresponds to JP 2001-117072 which corresponds to US 6,529,257. US 6,529,257 was previously submitted with US 6,304,305 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 27, 2004. Applicant also submits English-language Abstracts as a concise requirement of relevance for WO 01/67174 and JP 2001-117072.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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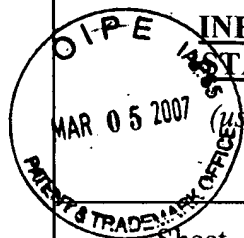
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		WO	01/67174	A1	09-13-2001	Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.	Abstract
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## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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